

REMARKS

This Response to Restriction Requirement is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2004 (herein "Office Action"). Claims 1-67 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, those claims were subjected to a two-way restriction requirement. In particular, Claims 1-57 were identified as Group I and Claims 58-67 were identified as Group II.

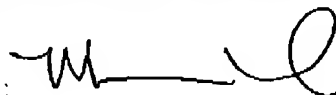
In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-57, for consideration. Applicant has withdrawn Claims 58-67 from the present application, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above, applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-57). Applicants respectfully request consideration of the elected claims. If any questions remain, applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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